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1. On 29 June 1950, 5,000 men of the 117 Division, 40 Army,* moved from the Leichou Peninsula to Foshan (113-08, 23-02) for reorganization. Eight Soviet-model 22-cm field guns arrived in Canton from Hainan; 4 of these guns and 28 cases of ammunition were moved on 30 June to Paoan (113-56, 22-32).
2. On 28 June, 2,300 (?) men of the 383 Regiment, 128 Division, 43 Army, took positions in the Tungkuan (113-46, 23-02) and Humen areas.
3. On 25 June, 200 men of the 2 Anti-Aircraft Battalion, Central-South China Area, arrived in Canton from Hankow. The battalion consists of three batteries, disposed as follows: The 4 Battery at White Cloud and Tienho Airfields; the 5 Battery at Whangpoo and Pai Hao Tung (白鶴洞), south of the Pearl River, opposite Shameen; the 6 Battery at Hsi Ts'un (西村) Railroad Station, in the western suburb of Canton.
4. On 24 June CH'EN Chu-p'ing (陳註平) and the 2 Company, Yangtse River Mine Sweeping Unit, arrived in Canton from Shanghai with six large crates of mine sweeping equipment. On 26 June the company moved to Swatow.
5. Between 22 and 25 June authorities announced that the entire 15 Army Group would soon be transferred to Canton for reorganization in preparation for another assignment.
6. Five groups of 3,500 men each from the 43 and 46 Armies have returned to Canton from Hainan.
7. On 19 June the Kwangtung Culture and Education Department received an order from the Central and South China Military and Political Commission, through the Kwangtung Military District Command, to instruct all schools to begin summer vacations early in order to release school houses for troop quarters. The Communists are also taking over all empty houses in Canton for billets.
8. On 4 June, 2,000 men of the 128 Division, 43 Army, and 7,000 men of the 199 Division, 40 Army,** arrived in Canton from Hainan. These troops are stationed in the north and east Canton suburbs.

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9. In early June HUNG Hsueh-chih (洪學智), Deputy Commander of the Kwangtung Military District, stated that large numbers of troops would arrive in Canton in the near future.

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Comment. According to information available the 117 Division is subordinate to the 39 Army. The 40 Army comprises the 118, 119 and 120 Divisions.

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Comment. Possibly this is the 119 Division, which is attached to the 40 Army. The 199 Division is subordinate to the 67 Army.

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